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AUTOGRAPHA BRACTEA D. & S. IN MONMOUTHSHIRE. — With reference to Mr. R. F. Bretherton's recent note (*Ent. Rec.*, 1975, 87: 255) on the southward spread of *Autographa bractea* D. & S. and its occurrence in Worcestershire, it may be of interest to record its appearances in Monmouthshire where it now seems to be of not infrequent occurrence.

1969 saw its first arrival in the m.v. trap which I had been running regularly in my garden at Usk since 1966. Single specimens turned up on 15th July and 1st August. A friend, Lt. Col. R. B. Humphreys, who also occasionally runs a trap at Usk, recorded two specimens here on 13th July and one on 14th July. A trap in Wentwood Forest, operated by Mr. and Mrs. R. Dean, produced two on 30th July and singles on 4th and 8th August.

The species was not seen here during the following two years but 1972 saw its reappearance in my Usk trap with two freshly-emerged insects on 22nd July and a single moth on 6th August.

Three were recorded the following year at Usk and one arrived on the sheet whilst I was using a m.v. light near Whitebrook in the Wye Valley on 10th July.

There were no records for 1974, but in 1975 one came to light near Abertillery in north-western Monmouthshire on 13th July and another appeared in my garden trap on 4th August. — Dr. G. A. NEIL HORTON, Plas Newydd, Usk, Gwent.

MACROGLOSSUM STELLATARUM (L.) IN LANCASHIRE. — I saw a specimen of *Macroglossum stellatarum* (L.) at phlox flowers in my garden on 2nd September, 1975 and a further specimen was seen by Mr. D. W. Kydd about one mile from here on 23rd September. Neither of us had seen this species previously in the north of England and it seems possible that 1975 was an exceptional year for this migrant. — E. F. HANCOCK, "Abbotsford", Belmont, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 7HD.